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XVII. CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

1. The Sub-Commission considered item 16 at its 7th, 8th, 10th and 17th meetings, on 7, 10, 11 and 14 August 1992.

2. The Sub-Commission had before it the following documents in connection with its consideration of the item:

Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its seventeenth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/34);

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the recruitment of children into governmental and non-governmental armed forces (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/35 and Add.1).

3. At the 7th meeting, on 7 August 1992, Ms. Ksentini, on behalf of the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Mr. Al-Khasawneh, introduced the report of the Working Group (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/34).

4. In the general debate on the item, statements 1/ were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Ms. Attah (10th), Mr. Boutkevitch (7th), Ms. Chavez (7th), Mr. Eide (7th), Mr. Guissé (7th), Mr. Joinet (7th), Mr. Maxim (7th), Mr. Merrills (10th), Mr. Sachar (7th), Mr. Vergne Saboia (7th), Ms. Warzazi (10th) and Mr. Yimer (7th).

5. Statements were made by the observers for Brazil (10th), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (7th) and the Republic of Korea (7th).

6. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Anti-Slavery International for the Protection of Human Rights (10th), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (7th), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (10th), International Abolitionist Federation (10th), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (10th), International Catholic Child Bureau (7th), International Educational Development, Inc. (7th), International Federation Terre des Hommes (7th), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (7th), World Association for the School as an Instrument of Peace (7th).

7. A statement equivalent to a right of reply was made by the observer for Japan (8th).

8. At its 17th meeting, on 14 August 1992, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/L.3, sponsored by Mr. Al-Khasawneh, Ms. Ferriol Echevarría, Ms. Ksentini, Mr. Maxim and Mr. Merrills. Ms. Warzazi subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. Mr. Al-Khasawneh revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 4, the words "children's bodily products" were replaced by the words "child labour";

(b) Operative paragraph 9, reading: "Decides to transmit the draft programme of action for the elimination of the exploitation of child labour to the Commission on Human Rights;" was replaced by a new paragraph.

10. Ms. Ksentini revised the draft resolution as follows:

In operative paragraph 29:

(a) The words "the recommendations of the Sub-Commission contained in" were deleted;

(b) The words "of relevance to them" were deleted;

(c) The words "the recommendations of the Sub-Commission contained in this resolution of relevance to them and the report of the Working Group on its seventeenth session;" were replaced by "the present resolution, as well as the report of the Working Group on its seventeenth session, drawing their attention to the recommendations contained therein of relevance to them and transmitting any information which is of concern to them;".

11. Mr. Boutkevitch orally proposed the insertion, in operative paragraph 14, of the words "the prohibition of" after "concerning".

12. Mr. Yimer orally proposed the insertion, in operative paragraph 14, of the words "the suppression of" after "concerning".

13. Mr. Guissé orally proposed the deletion, in operative paragraph 12, of the words "continue to take part in hostilities and".

14. Ms. Warzazi made a statement relating to the draft resolution.

15. The amendments proposed by Mr. Al-Khasawneh, Mr. Guissé, and Mr. Yimer were accepted by the sponsors.

16. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Sub-Commission was drawn to an estimate of the administrative and programme budget implications of draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/L.3 (see annex III).

17. The draft resolution, as orally revised and amended, was adopted without a vote.

18. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1992/2.
19. At the same meeting, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/L.6, sponsored by Mr. Al-Khasawneh, Ms. Attah, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Despouy, Mr. Eide, Ms. Forero Ucros, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Heller, Mr. Joinet, Mr. Khalifa, Mr. Maxim, Mr. Merrills, Mr. Ramadhane, Mr. Saboia, Mr. Sachar and Ms. Warzazi.
20. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.
21. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1992/3.
